

NORTH SIDE NEWS

Weeds Are "Coming Down, Coming Down."

Great Improvement Being Made in Appearances.

HOMES BEING PAINTED

New Livery Barn—Real Estate Business Prospering.

Journal Ad Brings 100 Replies to North Sider.

Considerable improvement has been made in the way of cutting down weeds on the North side. The betterment, which is thus caused in the appearance of this part of the city is mentioned not only by those who live north of the river, but by many visitors who had noticed the weeds before they were cut down.

Besides this improvement many are painting their houses. Altogether, the first ward is becoming one of the most attractive residential places in the city.

Along with these improvements comes an increase of real estate business. Men engaged in this occupation say that they are nearly swamped with enquiries every few days, and are busy showing parties houses for rent and for sale.

"It is wonderful what a difference a coat of paint will make in the sale of a house," said a North side man, this morning. "I know of several people who intended to locate on the North side but the houses they were shown were weather beaten and worn out, weeds were growing in the yard. They decided to live elsewhere. I see that something has been done toward cutting down the weeds but there are still some growing in places. I hope the owners of the weed infested property will see that they are cut down."

Great quantities of tomatoes, "round, ripe and red," are being shipped to the Union Pacific, every day to be used in making Silver Leaf catsup, which always looks good to the housewife and the householder. Otto Kuchme, president of the company, reports that he needs at least 500 barrels of tomatoes and can easily use twice that number this season. As present stock is low, he is firm in his opinion that the tomato crop in the southwest of Fort Scott, Kan., is the best of the season.

Mr. Kuchme says he would use home grown tomatoes if he could obtain a sufficient quantity of the right quality. J. J. King reports the following sales for the past week: 720 Morse street, to Mr. Barnes; 1420 North Harrison, consideration \$800; 1600 North Harrison, consideration \$800; 1600 North Harrison, consideration \$800; 1600 North Harrison, consideration \$800.

The Union Pacific officials at Omaha have been recommended by the drainage board to take measures to strengthen the Kansas river levee near the coal mines. The river makes a sharp curve at this point and thus it is subjected to a severe test in time of high water. The drainage board company will probably comply with the request of the board.

The matter was investigated yesterday by A. J. Austin, chief engineer for the Union Pacific, and R. Parkhurst, drainage board engineer.

Community Comment.

"Hit your wagon to a star," said a North side man today, "but don't forget to graze the axle."

"There is one thing sure," said a young Van Buren street girl this morning. "And that is, when I get married I will not allow the man to call my husband 'Nick' like Alice Roosevelt Longworth does."

"When a girl gets just old enough to get into society, she is a constant fear that her mother or small brother will say or do something before company which will cause her embarrassment," remarks a Western avenue man who has raised a family.

"When your dog meets you at the door with a wag of the tail and a joyful bark you return home in a joyous evening," said a young man this morning. "You know he does so because he is really glad to see you, but when you meet with a smile and a kiss, you know he is just a faint suspicion that she has the purchase of a new hat in mind."

Notes and Persons.

"An Excellent Chase," "For Honor's Sake," "When the Storm Winds Do Blow," "Jack Has No Floor," are the subjects on the programme at the Bijou Dream tonight.

C. T. Barnhart, building a 50x57 foot barn on North 17th and Kansas avenue. The property has been used as a feed and lumber yard hitherto.

Model bread is never wasted but always eaten at the table.

The sacrament of the Holy Eucharist will be administered at the morning service at the church of the Good Shepherd tomorrow.

David Brook of Dwight will officiate both morning and evening. Sunday school will be held at the usual time.

W. M. Van Noy, 1729 Kansas avenue will leave tonight for Salt Lake City where he will sing for the campment. He expects to return in a week.

D. Joseph has a fine line of children's fall shoes in stock.

The new center piece of the Union Pacific railroad park fountain is nearly completed. It is of beautiful design and will be surrounded by the most artistic fountains in the city.

James Trons of 1418 Kansas avenue is visiting in Selma.

Does your pump leak? Do you need a plumber or a tinner? If so call at 1608 North Kansas avenue.

H. L. Sanders of 1230 Van Buren street, A. B. George, who lives north of the city, has left for Seattle, Wash., where he will visit the exposition.

Miss Hazel Brewer of Alta Vista is the guest of Miss Mary Summers of 1323 Monroe street.

A pleasant surprise party was given at the home of Mr. C. H. Dyal at 1108 Quincy street Wednesday evening in honor of his forty-fifth birthday anniversary. Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. O. M. Brill, Mr. and Mrs. Lee, Mr. and Mrs. H. Deitrich, Mr. and Mrs. E. Eaton, Mrs. Keller, Mrs. H. Berville, Mrs. M. Baker, Mrs. C. H. Dyal, Miss Elizabeth Brill, Miss Garnette Brill, Miss Laura Combs, Miss Emma Eaton, Miss Flossie Eaton, Miss Nora Lee, Miss Nellie Lee, Miss Ida Schwan, Miss Margaret Deitrich, Miss Clara Vervelle, Mr. O. M. Brill, Mr. Milo Lee, Mr. Joe Vervelle, Mr. Charles Deitrich, Mr. Willie Dyal.

Thomas, the skye terrier belonging to Mrs. J. C. Joseph, 823 Kansas avenue, has recovered from a slight illness which was caused from eating ice cream. The dog is very fond of ice cream cones and recently was given one too many for his good.

Helen Davis, J. Q. Peyton, Green Cavender and D. B. Foltz are among the North side people who left today to attend the G. A. R. encampment at Salt Lake City.

SNAP SHOTS.

There are in all 89 licensed transfer wagons in operation in the city.

Mr. E. B. Merriam's new 22-horse power automobile was registered yesterday at the office of the city clerk as No. 327.

A petition will come before the next regular meeting of the city council asking to have the sidewalk on Lincoln street between Twelfth and Huntoon paved to grade.

Mr. C. H. Harris, director of the state free employment agency, leaves today for Salt Lake City. His office will be open and in charge of Miss Reed during his absence.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Guy H. Hilton, 5140 Brooks avenue, on August 5, a boy; to Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Dinkle, Highland avenue and East Seventh street, on August 4, a girl.

The new loan for the Oakland car line will be completed early next week, and the traffic on this line will not be congested at Sixth and Kansas avenues.

The hucksters have become so numerous in Topeka that the grocers are complaining considerably on account of the fact that they are undersold by the street hawkers.

There are 212 hucksters who have paid licenses into the city's coffers. You may have been somewhat jealous that they couldn't shout as loud as they do, but they have paid for the privilege.

Capital council No. 1 Knights and Ladies of Security will give a free trial ride to its members Monday evening, August 9. The cars will start from the hall promptly at 8 o'clock.

James G. Chumley, the Topeka Greek student, who married Mrs. O. B. Fowler, widow of a well known phenologist, now lives at Seattle. He has sent Topeka friends copies of poems he has written.

Oscar Swazey, deputy county clerk, claims this distinction: He is the only man in town who can write backwards, upside down, and with either hand, and he has done so as much as he does in another.

Justice H. F. Mason is the only justice of the supreme court on duty. He will leave next week for his home in Chicago, while he is in western Kansas he will attend the Dodge City reunion where he will deliver an address.

Buffed Bill's Wild West show is booked to be in Topeka on September 11. Arrangements business made with License Collector Mattingly yesterday for the payment of a \$110 license. The state fair will be in operation on this date.

Work has begun at the Washburn athletic park in the direction of putting things in readiness for the football season. The grounds will be constructed and the grounds put in proper condition for the work of the gridiron enthusiasts.

Mrs. Annie M. Trapp has just moved her restaurant and cafe into the store room, 122 Kansas avenue. You can get your chicken dinner there every day, besides all the other good things to eat. Tables reserved for families or parties.

The Topeka baseball team opens a four game series in Denver this afternoon. Wednesday is an off day and an exhibition game will be played at Colorado Springs. The team opens a long series Thursday on the home grounds. The Wichita team will be here.

It is reported in Topeka that the thousand Philadelphia Germans who would have been here for the exposition, but for the fact that they have been able to buy their beer here, have gone to Omaha to work in the Union Pacific shops. As in Omaha they can buy their beer.

Aside from the special places designated for registration, prospective voters for the bond issue election of August 24, and the election in relation to the proposed city administration, may register at the office of Commissioner of Elections Titus until next Friday night.

The banquet held on Monday evening at the Trapp cafe by Topeka lodge No. 311, Fraternal Brotherhood, was a decided success. It was the culmination of a membership contest, the losing side standing the expense of the occasion. Toasts were given by Dr. W. L. Warner, Edward T. Heacock, Mr. L. V. Sams, Gilbert Carter and R. K. Graham, president of the lodge.

Complaints are coming in every day to License Collector Mattingly and City Attorney Ballston to the effect that housewives are being harassed by pleasure men who are doing business without licenses. The former suggests that he be notified immediately in case there is further trouble in this line. The chief of police could likewise be informed of any frauds which may be attempted.

Have You Seen Walter Murry?

The police department is on the lookout for Walter K. Murry who disappeared from the Midland hotel in Arkansas City August 2nd. His wife fears foul play and has instituted a systematic search, part of which is the issue of post cards, one of which was received here today. Murry was a burglar by trade and may be located around packing houses or in a grocery store. There was no apparent reason for his leaving of his own will and the officers are working on the theory of foul play.

Baseball Phone.

The State Journal has a baseball telephone. For all baseball information, scores, etc., call independent phone No. 818.

IT WAS ILLEGAL

County Attorney's Opinion on Missouri Pacific Bond Sale.

Commissioners Made Fad Bargain and County Suffered.

REGARD IT AS TRIVIAL

Members of Board Only Smile When Asked for Expression.

People Are the Ones Who Hold the Sack.

County Attorney J. J. Schenck has handed his opinion to the board of county commissioners, unasked, stating that the sale of Missouri Pacific stock was illegal. This came as a shock near the close of the session last evening. Together with the former opinion from the county attorney, stating that the claim of Kelly & Kelly for \$7,500 was invalid this is calculated to bring the commissioners to some action in the matter. As yet, however, it has been considered lightly by the board and has not served to call from them any announcement of procedure. The commissioners are engaged in raising position. The most charitable view of their action is that they have shown a shocking disregard of the county's interest.

It has been the understanding that when requested to do so, but that understanding was somewhat hazy. The board of county commissioners felt the shock of a weighty opinion of some ten pages dropped upon their Missouri Pacific stock sale.

Mr. Schenck was out of town at the time. He had gone to Hutchinson with Deputy Sheriff Sauls to escort a pair of prisoners and look over the institution as the board of county commissioners just in time to send it to the commissioners before they closed up for the day. Although the opinion seems to have a great deal of weight, when they read it. The people are not smiling.

"I fail to see anything to smile at in this," said the county attorney, when he received the news of his opinion's reception by the commissioners when he was today—and he was very serious.

For had he figured that \$30,000 on their general revenue in adding up their credits when making a tax levy for the ensuing year, he would have saved the county the opposite side of the page, the Kelly & Kelly commission, to make the sheet show the actual amount, \$22,500, which they county attorney's opinion of the county attorney was to the effect that the claim of Kelly & Kelly was invalid and the claim was disallowed by the county auditor. Still, the county attorney progressed with their business of spending the money just as if there were no attorneys and auditors and Kelly & Kelly have purchased an apartment house at the corner of Eleventh and Benton boulevard in Kansas City.

Now the attorney gives his opinion that the sale itself was illegal and all the commissioners smile, saying, "There's nothing to be done." This opinion is based largely upon the second section of chapter 124 of the laws of 1875 under which the stock was sold. This section reads: "If the stock of the county is sold for cash, the proceeds of such sale shall be paid into the county treasury, and the treasurer shall deliver to the purchaser a receipt for the purchase of the stock and the name of the purchaser shall be placed on the credit of the county and the name of the agent of the purchaser made public but no purchaser has been around for his receipt to date."

These are some of the reasons why Mr. Schenck can not see the joke of it all nor understand the attitude of the board with reference to the public opinion similar to that assumed by a certain Mr. Vanderpool years ago.

Asked for his opinion upon the best way for the commissioners to go about straightening out the affair, Mr. Schenck again repeats that the county attorney is not to be asked for his opinion.

The deal has a bad appearance from any tangent. The county commissioners might have sold the bond for cash, but for the fact that a broker received \$60 a share. On the other hand the brokers must have made a poor bargain themselves to have sold the stock for \$100 when it was worth \$120. The county's interests suffered and the commissioners must shoulder the blame.

Fireman Charles Lingo, who has been working nights on a switch engine, has received a day home on account of illness.

Thomas Feely, a machinist, has gone to work here in local machine shop. He will room at the Y. M. C. A.

J. A. Kennedy, of the New York Central lines, has come to Topeka and gone to work in the machine shop here. He has taken a room at the R. R. Y. M. C. A.

H. T. Woodworth, engineer on the Marcellus runs, is spending a few days here on business.

Fireman E. W. Arndt returned to Newton after being transferred here for work some weeks ago.

Machinist Michael Costello left yesterday for his home in Galveston, Tex., after spending several months here working in the local machine shop.

L. Faulkner, of the machine shop, fell Thursday from the big crane, injuring his arm severely.

Wm. St. Marys returned to work Friday after being off several days on account of illness.

John Dougherty, of the blacksmith shop, is unable to be at work on account of illness.

John Romerstein returned to work in the blacksmith shop today after being off several days on account of sickness.

Max Rahn, of the upholstering department, who has been in the Santa Fe laundry for the past two weeks, is steadily improving and will be able to be removed to his home in a few days.

John Verlin, clerk in the yardmaster's office, has resigned his position to take the work of cashier for the Harvey rating house, stationed at Cleburne, Tex. John has well performed his duties here and has always proved to be of value to the Santa Fe. The

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